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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2008

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008 and is submitted with a Request for Continuing Examination. Claims 1-7 and 9-53 are pending in the application. Claims 19-22 and 50-53 have been withdrawn. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.